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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10-15 and 17-20 are independent. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, as originally filed, and specifically at pages 23-26 of the Specification. No new matter is added by these amendments. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over WO99/01984 to Maissel (hereinafter, merely "Maissel") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,872,588 to Aras et al. (hereinafter, merely "Aras").

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III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein the meta information schema includes the identifier data and attribute names of the content;

wherein the meta information includes the identifier data, the attribute names and description data corresponding to each attribute name of the content.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Aras relates to a method and apparatus for content coding of audio-visual materials. The content coding is decoded at a home station. The collected content codes are sent to collection centers for processing.

As understood by Applicants, Maissel and Aras, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the meta information schema and meta information, as recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

Independent claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10-15 and 17-20 are similar in scope and are patentable for similar reasons.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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